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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS OF GOC COMMENTS ON HARP
SEAL HUNT

REF: OTTAWA 1285

1. PER GOC REQUEST, DEPARTMENT MARCH 21, TRANSMITTED
CANADIAN COMMENTS REFTEL TO SENATOR'S SPARKMAN (CHAIRMAN,
SFRC) AND SARBANES (CHAIRMAN, WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUBCOM-
MITTEE) AND TO REPRESENTATIVES ZABLOCKI (CHAIRMAN HIRC) AND
YATRON (CHAIRMAN, INTER-AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE). FYI KEMP
BILL, HOUSE CONCURRENT RES. 504, HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HIRC
END FYI. ADDITIONAL COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO HOUSE MERCHANT
MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES IN CONGRESS.

2. TEXT OF TRANSMITTAL LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

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DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE TO CONVEY TO THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
ITS VIEWS CONCERNING HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 504.
THAT RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED ON MARCH 9, 1978

AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
STRONGLY URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO REASSESS ITS
POLICY OF PERMITTING THE KILLING OF NEWBORN HARP SEALS.

I ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE COMMENTS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR
ENDERS IN OTTAWA BY THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, SETTING FORTH THE CANADIAN VIEWS ON HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 504. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF
YOU WOULD MAKE COPIES OF THESE COMMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA. I WILL ALSO SEND COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO
OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST
IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

DOUGLAS J. BENNET, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESS-
IONAL RELATIONS VANCE

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